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Favorite Books of 2009

I have asked the Meridian Library System Board and staff to recommend their favorite books read in 2009. They may have been published at any time.

Christie Behle: *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett: In Jackson, Mississippi, in 1962, there are lines that are not crossed. With the civil rights movement exploding all around them, three women start a movement of their own, forever changing a town and the way women--black and white, mothers and daughters--view one another.

Janet Wilke: *The Last Refuge* by Chris Knopf: Sam Acquillo's at the end of the line. A middle-aged corporate dropout living in his dead parent's ramshackle cottage in Southampton's North Sea, Sam has abandoned friends, family and a big-time career to sit on his porch, drink vodka and stare at the little Peconic Bay. But then the old lady next door ends up floating dead in her bathtub and it seems like Sam's the only who wonders why. Despite himself, burned-out, busted up and cynical, the ex-engineer, ex-professional boxer, ex-loving father and husband finds himself uncovering secrets no one could have imagined, least of all Sam himself.

I have copied in the description from Books in Print. This is the first in a series of intriguing, literate mysteries by Knopf. I periodically check to see when he has the next one out.

My work reading is so technical and dry, that my pleasure reading tends toward mysteries, especially, I've realized, anything with water (rivers, lakes, ocean) as art of the picture -- probably because I grew up with a branch of the Middle Loup River running outside the back door.

Linda Bowden: *Wicked Plants* by Amy Stewart: The bestselling author of "Flower Confidential" delves into the dark side of the plant kingdom to reveal the sordid lives of plants behaving badly.

Dewey : the small town library cat who touched the world: The charming story of Dewey Readmore Books, the beloved library cat of Spencer, Iowa, starts in the worst possible way. Only a few weeks old, on the coldest night of the year, he was stuffed into the returned book slot at the library. For the next 19 years, he never

stopped charming the people of Spencer with his enthusiasm, warmth, humility, and, above all, his sixth sense about who needed him most.

Linda Jelken: Favorite fiction: *The Wednesday Letters* by Jason Wright: The story of marriage, family, and forgiveness that has become not just a bestseller but an instant classic. Their story begins with one letter on their wedding night, a letter from the groom, promising to write his bride every week for as long they both shall live. Thirty-nine years later, Jack and Laurel Cooper die in each other's arms. And when their grown children return to the family B&B to arrange the funeral, they discover thousands of letters. The letters they read tell of surprising joys and sorrows. They also hint at a shocking family secret and ultimately force the children to confront a life-changing moment of truth.

Favorite non-fiction: *Mistaken Identity: Two Families, One Survivor, Unwavering Hope* by Cerak and Van Ryn: Meet Laura Van Ryn and Whitney Cerak: one buried under the wrong name, one in a coma and being cared for by the wrong family. This shocking case of mistaken identity stunned the country and made national news.

Sherry Crow: *Red Glass* by Laura Resau: Sixteen-year-old Sophie has been frail and delicate since her premature birth, but discovers her true strength during a journey through Mexico, where the six-year-old orphan her family hopes to adopt was born, and to Guatemala, where her would-be boyfriend hopes to find his mother and plans to remain.

Delilah Gillming: Julie Klassen's books: *The Apothecary's Daughter*: Lillian Haswell, brilliant daughter of the local apothecary, yearns for more adventure and experience than life in her father's shop and their small village provides. She also longs to know the truth behind her mother's disappearance, which villagers whisper about but her father refuses to discuss. and *Lady of Milkweed Manor*: Set in 19th-century England, a young pregnant woman is forced to make difficult choices.

Sharon Osenga: *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer: The German occupation of the Channel Islands, recalled in letters between a London reporter and an eccentric gaggle of Guernsey islanders.



Growth and Vitality for Small Libraries By Robert Salmon

Interest: there must be interest on the part of the staff in the library's future. You must keep the community informed so they know that the library is there and what it is doing so that they care about the library's future. Brainstorm for ideas to bring the library recognition in the community.

Assessment: 1) of the library and 2) of the community. Do this so that you have a clear understanding of what needs to be done.

Initiative: Nothing will ever happen if no one takes the initiative.

Getting Help: People will usually pitch in and help once an idea or project is off the ground.

Planning: This is imperative, particularly if you have a cooperative effort in mind.

Knowledge of the profession and continued learning (on any topic necessary).

Cooperation: There must be cooperation among the staff, citizen groups, project volunteers, board, etc.

Cataloging Biographies

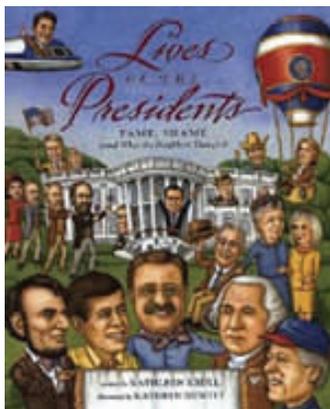
I was moved to write this article because I have come across three libraries in the past year that have biographies catalogued incorrectly. All have them in 092.

Biographies fall into two categories: single biographies about one person or collective biographies about more than one person (e.g., *Lives of the Presidents*).

There are two main options for cataloging biographies; the first is to put the biography in the subject area the person is known for. For example, sports biographies go in the 796's with the addition of the standard subdivision that denotes a biography: .092. A sample call number would be 796.092. The second way to catalog biographies is in the classification of 920. Single biographies are usually noted by using either a 92 or B. Use the first letters of the name of the person the biography is about, not the author, on the call number. For example, a biography about Abraham Lincoln would be 92Lin. In collective biographies, 920 is used along with the first letters of the name of the author of the book. The above-named *Lives of the Presidents* by Kathleen Krull would have the call number of 920Kru.

I believe people put the 0 in front of the 92 on biographies just because they don't understand how the classification works and are confused to only have a 92.

Please take a look at your biography section soon and make sure it's correct! Questions? Give me a call!



Nebraska MEDS-drug disposal displays

The Nebraska MEDS Program focuses on educating patients about the disposal of medications. The project includes providing educational materials to pharmacies, libraries and other businesses for distribution to consumers in Nebraska.

Nebraska MEDS has developed a tabletop display and bookmarks for distribution to library patrons throughout Nebraska. The display and bookmarks feature step-by-step instructions for the safe disposal of unwanted prescription and over-the-counter medications.

On behalf of Nebraska MEDS, please consider hosting a display at your library. Displays are available for monthly intervals until June of 2010. If you are interested in hosting a display or have questions concerning this project, please contact me at the number listed below.

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Census 2010

The U.S. Census Bureau is looking for libraries willing to be a partner for the 2010 census. Libraries are being asked to provide space for Be Counted sites and/or Questionnaire Assistance Centers. If you are interested in signing up as a site, please contact: Todd Wiltgen, U.S. Census Bureau Nebraska Partnership Specialist: 402-606-9040 or e-mail: John.T.Wiltgen@Census.gov



WEB SITES OF THE MONTH

FDA 2009 H1N1 (Swine) Flu Virus: This page compiles news, advisories, and fact sheets for consumers and health professionals about 2009 H1N1 flu (swine flu) virus. It includes a fraud alert about websites claiming to sell prevention and treatment products, information about antiviral drugs and influenza medications, and updates about U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) involvement with and response to the H1N1 flu virus threat. Also includes information about personal protective equipment (such as face masks). From the FDA.

<http://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/PublicHealthFocus/ucm150305.htm>

Winter Weather: Cold weather safety tips and information about cold weather health conditions from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Features checklists for preparing your home and car for winter weather, a FAQ on health conditions such as hypothermia and frostbite, indoor and outdoor safety pointers, a bibliography, and related links. Some material available in Spanish and Vietnamese.

<http://www.bt.cdc.gov/disasters/winter/>

Body Image: This annotated list of fiction and nonfiction books for middle and high school students focuses on themes related to body image, such as weight, body shape and size, eating disorders, food addiction, physical deformities, skin conditions, piercing and tattoos, and self-acceptance. Includes titles for and about both girls and boys. Compiled by library media teacher Mary R. Hofmann. From School Library Journal.

<http://www.schoollibraryjournal.com/article/CA6277819.html>

An Exploration of Modern Monsters: An exploration of the symbolism of monsters, beginning with the introductory section about children and fear. Included are tech-

nological monsters such as Frankenstein's monster; human ones including vampires, freaks, and zombies; ecological monsters - Godzilla, King Kong, werewolves; and others. There is also a table of taboos embodied by monsters and a bibliography.

From the University of Michigan's Fantasy and Science Fiction Home Pages.

<http://www.umich.edu/~umfandsf/symbolismproject/symbolism.html/Monstrosity/intropage/homepage.html>

Recommended Graphic Novels for Public Libraries:

An annotated bibliography of hundreds of graphic novels with ISBN, price, and publisher information. The site also has a recommended list of titles for libraries starting to collect graphic novels for young adults, and a page of annotated links to comics and graphic novel sites.

Compiled by Steve Raiteri, a librarian at the Greene County Public Library, Xenia, Ohio.

<http://my.voyager.net/~sraiteri/graphicnovels.htm>

No Flying, No Tights: This website reviews graphic novels for teens. Browse by genre (superheroes, fantasy, historical fiction, nonfiction, crime and suspense, science fiction, and "realism") or skim the "new sensation" section. Resources particularly appropriate for younger teens are starred. Updates are also available through a free email subscription service.

<http://www.noflyingnotights.com/>

The Willa Cather Electronic Archive:

This excellent site provides "broad access to a variety of material documenting and contextualizing the work of one of America's most acclaimed writers. In the archive you will find definitive texts of Cather's writings, articles by Cather scholars, historical photographs, and information about upcoming Cather-related activities."

<http://www.unl.edu/Cather/>

Food Reflections: Ingredient Substitutions:

Aimed at the beginning cook, this site provides substitution suggestions from food professionals for ingredients such as butter, eggs, and flour. Also has links to other resources for ingredient substitution and related topics. From the University of Nebraska Cooperative Extension newsletter.

<http://lancaster.unl.edu/food/ciqsubs.shtml>

The Northern Great Plains, 1880-1920: A collection of "900 photographs of rural and small town life at the turn of the century," taken by photographers Fred Hulstrand and F.A. Pazandak. Includes images of sod homes, farms, agricultural machinery, one-room schools, and children. Searchable by keyword and browsable by subject. Also features an historical overview of North Dakota, information on farm implements, and a selected bibliography. From the American Memory Project of the Library of Congress.

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/award97/ndfahtml/ngphome.html>

Dust Bowl Days: Lesson plans for teaching students about the Dust Bowl and the Great Depression "through photographs, songs and interviews with people who lived through the Dust Bowl." Designed for grades three to six.

http://edsitement.neh.gov/view_lesson_plan.asp?ID=300

A to Z Home's Cool Homeschooling Web Site:

Find links to "the best and most interesting and useful sites and articles about home education on the web." Features homeschooling laws, lesson plans, advice on homeschooling teens, support group and community networking resources, distance learning programs, ideas for field trips, and much more. Maintained by a parent with homeschooling experience.

<http://homeschooling.gomilpitas.com/>

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NLA 2009 Award Winners

NLA Meritorious Service Award
Becky Baker (Seward Public Library)

NLA Presidential Award For Excellence
Rebecca Pasco (UNO)

PLS Excalibur Award
Lisa Olivigni (Crete Public Library)

C&U Distinguished Service Award
Corinne Jacox (Creighton University)

SCYP Mad Hatter Service Award
Shawna Linder (Kearney Public Library)

Para Section Paraprofessional of the Year
Jennifer Wrampe (Nebraska Library Commission)

NMRT/Houchen Mentor of the Year Award
Judy Johnson (UNL, Retired)

NMRT/Houchen Beginning Professional of the Year
Susan Franklin (Hastings College)

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

NLA Legislative Day: February 9th, Lincoln

Summer Reading Program Workshop: March 4th, Oconto

College of DuPage Teleconferences:

January 29th: Making the Best of a Shrinking Budget

February 19th: Cataloging: Where are we now? Where are we going:

March 12th: Information Literacy Education: A National Overview

April 9th: Technology Trends in Libraries: Tools, Skills, Staffing, Training

Join the Nebraska Dewey Group Purchase

Save money on the print and web versions of the DDC!

PLEASE NOTE: Libraries who wish to order any Dewey product do not have to be members of OCLC. Any library can subscribe – Dewey products are available to both OCLC member and non-member libraries.

Dewey in Print

The Nebraska Dewey Group includes the print versions of the 22nd edition of the unabridged Dewey Decimal Classification (4 volumes) and the Abridged Edition 14 (1 volume).

OCLC is offering 10% off of the original price on the DDC 22 and Abridged Edition 14 in print.

If your library is interested in ordering the DDC 22 or Abridged Edition 14 in print, you will find Pricing information on the online Book Order Form.

For more information about the DDC, please visit Dewey Services.

Dewey on the Web

Now your library can benefit from web-based access to an enhanced version of the Dewey Decimal Classification (DDC) database through WebDewey or Abridged WebDewey. OCLC is offering a discounted price to users who join the Nebraska Dewey Group.

WebDewey and Abridged WebDewey, which correspond to the unabridged and abridged print editions, are updated on a quarterly basis, bringing you ongoing updates implemented by the Dewey editorial team almost as soon as they occur. The Web versions also offer additional electronic functionality not available in the print editions to make your classification work more efficient.

The new WebDewey & Abridged WebDewey

Group subscription year runs from January 1, 2010 - December 31, 2010. Libraries may join the WebDewey & Abridged WebDewey Group at any time. Midyear subscriptions will be prorated. Orders must be received by the 15th of the month for a start date of the 1st of the following month.

If your library is interested in subscribing to WebDewey or Abridged WebDewey, you will find Pricing information on the online WebDewey Order Form.

To see WebDewey in action, try the OCLC tutorial, Using WebDewey.

If you have any questions about DDC 22, Abridged Edition 14, WebDewey, Abridged WebDewey or the Nebraska Group, please contact Christa Burns, 402-471-3107, or 800-307-2665.



Librarians Do It With Books Suggestions for a Grief Resource Shelf

Adults:

Tear Soup (all ages) Pat Scheiwbert, Grief-Watch

Grieving the Death of a Mother, Harold Ivan Smith, Augsburg (also *Grieving the Death of A Friend, Grievers Ask*)

Losing A Parent, Fiona Marshall, Basic Books

FatherLoss, Neil Chethik, Hyperion Publishing

Healing Your Grieving Heart, Alan Wolfelt, Center for Loss (also for Kids, for Teens, *A Friend's, A Parent's Grieving Heart*)

Miscarriage: A Shattered Dream, Sherokee Ilse, Wintergreen Press

Dear Parents, Joy Johnson, Centering Corporation

The Bereaved Parent, Harriet Schiff, Penguin Press

When Winter Follows Spring, Dorothy Ferguson, Centering Corporation

Healing the Hurt Spirit, Catherine Greenleaf, St Dymphna Press

Parting is Not Goodbye, Kelly Osmont, Nobility Press

Final Journeys, Maggie Callanan, Bantam Books

Final Gifts, Callanan and Kelly, Bantam Books

What Dying People Want, Ron Wooten-Green, Loyola Press

Living When A Loved One Has Died, Earl Grollman, Beacon Press

How to Go On Living When Someone You Love Dies, T. Rando, Bantam Books

The Heart of Grief, Tom Attig, Oxford University Press

Good to Go, Jo Myers, Good to Go Publishing

Children and Supporting Children:
Keys to Teaching Children About Death and Grief, Joy Johnson, Centering Corporation

The Grieving Child, Helen Fitzgerald, Simon and Schuster (also *The Grieving Teen*)

After A Parent's Suicide, Margo Re-

quarth, Healing Hearts Press

Sunflower Promise, Kathleen Hemery, Centering Corporation

Some Folks Say, Jane Hughes Gignoux, FolkeTales Publications

Complete Book About Death for Kids, Grollman and Johnson, Centering Corporation

What Does That Mean?, Johnson and Smith, Centering Corporation

Children Also Grieve, Linda Goldman, Jessica Kinglsey

Teen Grief Relief, Heidi and Gloria Horsley, Rainbow Books

When Nothing Matters Anymore, Bev Cobain, Free Spirit Publishing

All titles are available from the Centering Corporation, 7230 Maple Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68134; Toll-Free Number: 866-218-0101; 402-553-1200



The Accu-Cut cutting machines are open for all months in 2010. Now is the time to sign up for them! Please contact Delilah at the System Office or e-mail: meridian@frontiernet.net

Upcoming Christian Fiction Titles
(from recent Library Journal Webcast)

Abingdon Fiction

Call of Zulina by Kay Marshall Strom
Gone To Green by Judy Chrisite
Prayers of Agnes Sparrow by Joyce Magnin
Surrender the Wind by Rita Gerlach
One Imperfect Christmas by Myra Johnson
Eye of the God by Ariel Allison
The Fence My Father Built by Linda S Clare
Code Blue by Richard Deichmann
Dead Reckoning by Ronie Kendig
Highland Blessings by Jennifer Hudson Taylor
The Big 5-OH! By Sandra D Bricker
The Lord is My Shepherd by Debbie Viguie
The Narrow Path by Gail Sattler
The Pastor's Wife by Jennifer Allee
They Almost Always Come Home by Cynthia Ruchti
Walking on Broken Glass by Christa Allan
Wildflowers of Terezin by Robert Elmer

Baker Publishing

The Telling by Veberly Lewis
The Choice by Suzanne Woods Fisher
The Silent Governess by Julie Klassen
The Hidden Flame by Janette Oke and Davis Bunn
Abigail by Jill Eileen Smith
Beguiled by Deeanne Gist
Never Say Never by Lisa Wingate
Morning's Refrain by Tracie Peterson
Sixteen Brides by Stephanie Whitson

No Distance Too Far by Lauraine Snelling
In Harm's Way by Irene Hannon
Dreams That won't Let Go by Stacy Hawkins Adams

Thomas Nelson

The Long Way Home by Andrew Klaven
House of Dark Shadows by Robert Liparulo
Watcher in the Woods by Robert Liparulo
Gatekeepers by Robert Liparulo
Timescape by Robert Liparulo
Whirlwind by Robert Liparulo
Burn by Ted Dekker
Hand of Fate by April Henry
Lightkeeper's Daughter by Colleen Coble
Sweet By and By by Sara Evans and Rachel Hauck
An Amish Gathering by Beth Wiseman, Kathleen Fuller and Barbara Cameron
Plain Paradise by Beth Wiseman
An Amish Christmas by Beth Wiseman, Kathleen Fuller and Barbara Cameron
A Man of His Word by Kathleen Fuller

Tyndale

Her Mother's Hope by Francine Rivers
Thicker than Blood by CJ Darlington
Blackout by Jason Elam and Steve Yohn
Listen by Rene Gutteridge
The Great Christmas Bowl by Susan May Warren
The Courteous Cad by Catherine Palmer
Sworn to Protect by DiAnn Mills
Disaster Status by Candace Calvert



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see: Quick Links – Online Learning

Starting January 11, 2010

LIBR 1010
Foundations of Library and Information Services

Online class
Spring Term, 2010
Monday, January 11, 2010 - Thursday, May 6, 2010

Orientation: Saturday, January 9, 2010, 3:00 p.m.

If you will be attending the online Orientation, please indicate by responding to Marty Magee:
mmagee@unmc.edu

This course will provide students with an understanding of introductory concepts in libraries and information services:

- A brief history of libraries
- Different types of libraries
- Typical functions in today's libraries
- Information literacy
- Library physical environments
- Services for diverse populations
- Programming
- Technology used in libraries
- Professional organizations
- Career options in libraries and information environments

There is no prerequisite required for this class.

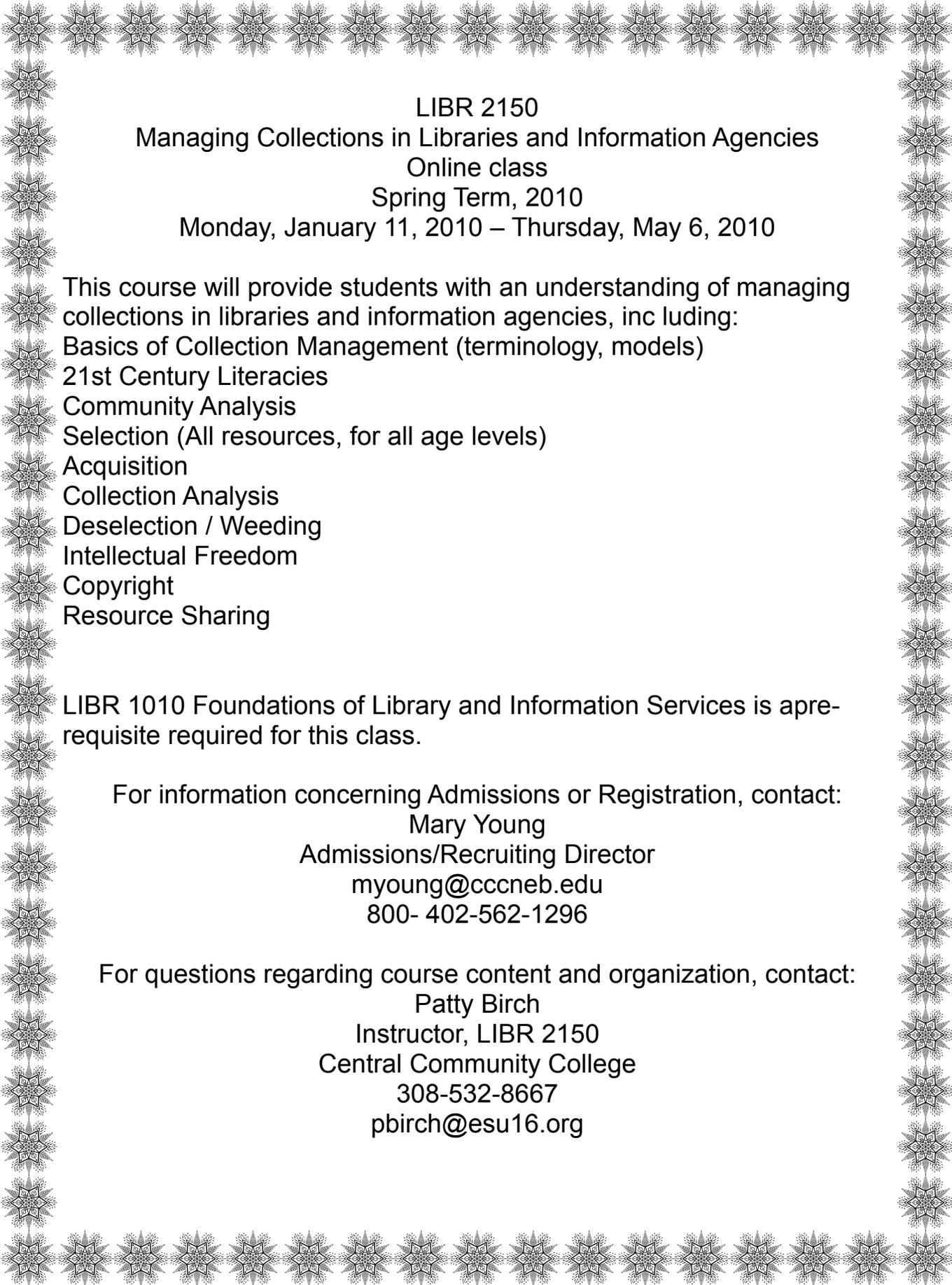
Libr1010 is a prerequisite for all other coursework in the Library and Information Services online program offered through Central Community College. To enroll, go to www.cccneb.edu. Go to Quick Links and click on Online Learning.

For information concerning Admissions or Registration, contact:

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For questions regarding course content and organization, contact:

Marty Magee, MSA MLS
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Central Community College
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LIBR 2150
Managing Collections in Libraries and Information Agencies
Online class
Spring Term, 2010
Monday, January 11, 2010 – Thursday, May 6, 2010

This course will provide students with an understanding of managing collections in libraries and information agencies, including:

Basics of Collection Management (terminology, models)

21st Century Literacies

Community Analysis

Selection (All resources, for all age levels)

Acquisition

Collection Analysis

Deselection / Weeding

Intellectual Freedom

Copyright

Resource Sharing

LIBR 1010 Foundations of Library and Information Services is a prerequisite required for this class.

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Alphabet Books at the UNK Library

Every library collection for children must have alphabet books of one sort or another. UNK's Calvin T. Ryan Library is no exception!

Come to our Curriculum area to find all sorts of resources for teaching language skills, including books that describe the alphabet (the letters, words formed, and its order):

- The Disappearing Alphabet by Richard Wilbur: Each letter of the alphabet is explored in poems specifically addressing where we would be without the letter. For example, "In the word DUMB, the letter B is mute, but elsewhere its importance is acute. If it were absent, say, from BAT and BALL, there'd be no big or little leagues AT ALL." Clever, don't you think?
- In The Alphabet from Z to A the author, Judith Viorst, tackles the meaning of the letters (and the words they form) from the end of the alphabet to the beginning. It is phonically fun: "Y is for YEW and for YOU, but it isn't for USING." Yikes!
- And, a more traditional alphabetic book: A Helpful Alphabet of Friendly Objects which incorporates poems by John Updike with photographs by David Updike. Here is the entry for E: "Made to be broken and longer than wide, eggs come in an eggcup, or scrambled, or fried." Photographs of eggs help to give meaning to the letters and words.

And, of course, there are many, many more works available at the library related to the alphabet and language acquisition.

The University of Nebraska at Kearney's Calvin T. Ryan Library (2508 11th Avenue) welcomes all library users. Any Nebraska resident, 18 years or older, may apply for a special borrower card. Just fill out an application at the Circulation Desk and present a valid Nebraska photo ID. Community members are allowed to borrow five circulating items at a time. What circulates? Most books, books on tape, videos, CDs, and lots of other information resources!

Parking on a university campus is always a challenge! We can help to ease this difficulty by sending you a temporary parking permit, directions, and a campus map with the appropriate parking lots marked. To request a permit, please contact Jennifer Harvey (harveyjs@unk.edu; 308-865-8276) or Rochelle Krueger (kruegerr@unk.edu; 308-865-8819). There is also street parking on the south side and east side of the campus, if you don't mind a little walk! Many of our resources can also be borrowed through your local library's interlibrary loan service.

We hope to see you soon!

--Jennifer Harvey, Curriculum Librarian, harveyjs@unk.edu

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